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SUBJECT: OMAN ATTENDANCE AT MENA-OECD MINISTERIAL

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[1](#)1. Following up on reftels, on February 4 Pol/Econ chief spoke to Seif al-Rizaiqi, director of the Minister's office at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) to encourage Omani attendance at the upcoming MENA-OECD Investment Ministerial in Jordan. Al-Rizaiqi confirmed Oman's receipt of the Jordanian invitation, but initially indicated that there would be no Omani attendance at any level. Noting the Embassy's disappointment, he subsequently phoned back to correct his response, saying that a high-level delegation would in fact represent Oman in Jordan.

[1](#)2. According to al-Rizaiqi, the Omani delegation to the MENA-OECD Investment Ministerial will be as follows:

-- Engineer Ahmed Hassan al-Dheeb, MOCI Under Secretary for Commerce and Industry;

-- Salim Nasser al-Ismaily, Executive President, Omani Center for Investment and Export Development; and

-- Mohammed Nasser al-Shoraiqi, Director General, Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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